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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for organizing patents utilizing a computer-implemented system, comprising:
  - ~~determining an identifier;~~
  - displaying a notes field for receiving manually entered notes including text;
  - storing the manually entered notes in association with ~~the~~ at least one identifier, thus associating the manually entered notes with the at least one identifier;
  - allowing the manually selection of a file;
  - storing the manually selected file in association with the at least one identifier by providing a correspondence between the file and the at least one identifier, thus associating the manually selected file with the at least one identifier, wherein a manually selected first file is capable of being associated with a first identifier corresponding to a single patent, and a manually selected second file is capable of being associated with a second identifier corresponding to a group involving a plurality of patents; and
  - associating a plurality of patents with the at least one identifier;
  - wherein the manually entered notes, at least one of the manually selected files, and the patents are accessible by subsequent selection of the at least one identifier;
  - wherein a set of patents is capable of being reported by:
    - displaying a technology mapping depicting at least one category of technology utilizing a graphical user interface,
    - displaying statistics regarding a number of the patents of the set in each category of technology,
    - displaying first additional information associated with at least a portion of the patents of the set upon the selection of an icon,

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wherein the first additional information includes a list of the patents of the set associated with one category of technology,

displaying second additional information associated with at least one of the patents of the list upon the selection of an additional icon, wherein the second additional information is selected from the group consisting of a patent number, a status, an exemplary claim, and an exemplary figure,

wherein the statistics are displayed in a first interface, the first additional information is displayed in a second interface separate from the first interface, and the second additional information is displayed in a third interface separate from the first interface and the second interface:

wherein the notes and at least one of the files are made accessible to other parties utilizing e-mail;

wherein said method is, at least in part, carried out utilizing the computer-implemented system.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier is determined by selecting an already-existing identifier.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier is determined by adding the at least one identifier by entering the at least one identifier.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier is determined by selecting an already-existing identifier utilizing a pull-down menu.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier is determined utilizing an add icon.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier is determined utilizing a modify icon.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the notes field allows a user to cut and paste notes.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the file is selected utilizing a file structure field.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the file structure field includes a file tree-structure.
10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the file structure field allows a user to browse various folders where files have been previously stored.
11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the file structure is displayed simultaneously with the notes field on the same interface.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the patents associated with the at least one identifier are identified by searching a database of already existing identifiers.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the database is a comprehensive database of all patents issued by at least one government agency.
- 14 – 17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) An intellectual property data structure stored on a computer readable medium, comprising:
  - an identifier object;
  - a notes object correlated with the identifier object for tracking manually entered notes including text associated with the identifier object;

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at least one file object correlated with the identifier object by providing a correspondence between the file object and the identifier object, for tracking manually selected files associated with the identifier object, wherein a manually selected first file is capable of being associated with a first identifier corresponding to a single patent, and a manually selected second file is capable of being associated with a second identifier corresponding to a group involving a plurality of patents; and

at least one patent object correlated with the identifier object for tracking a plurality of related patent identifiers associated with the identifier object;

wherein a set of patents is capable of being reported by:

displaying a technology mapping depicting at least one category of technology utilizing a graphical user interface,

displaying statistics regarding a number of the patents of the set in each category of technology,

displaying first additional information associated with at least a portion of the patents of the set upon the selection of an icon, wherein the first additional information includes a list of the patents of the set associated with one category of technology,

displaying second additional information associated with at least one of the patents of the list upon the selection of an additional icon, wherein the second additional information includes a patent number, a status, an exemplary claim, and an exemplary figure,

wherein the statistics are displayed in a first interface, the first additional information is displayed in a second interface separate from the first interface, and the second additional information is displayed in a third interface separate from the first interface and the second interface;

wherein the notes and at least one of the files are made accessible to other parties utilizing e-mail.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for organizing patents utilizing a computer-implemented system, comprising:

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~~determining an identifier;~~

displaying a notes field for receiving manually entered notes

including text;

storing the manually entered notes in association with ~~the~~ at least one identifier, thus associating the manually entered notes with the at least one identifier;

allowing the manually selection of a file;

storing the manually selected file in association with the at least one identifier by providing a correspondence between the file and the at least one identifier, thus associating the manually selected file with the at least one identifier, wherein a manually selected first file is capable of being associated with a first identifier corresponding to a single patent, and a manually selected second file is capable of being associated with a second identifier corresponding to a group involving a plurality of patents; and

associating a plurality of patents with the at least one identifier;

wherein the manually entered notes, at least one of the manually selected files, and the patents are accessible by subsequent selection of the at least one identifier;

wherein the notes field allows a user to cut and paste notes;

wherein the file is selected utilizing a file structure field including a file tree-structure that allows a user to browse various folders where files have been previously stored, where the file structure is displayed simultaneously with the notes field on the same interface, the file selected utilizing the file tree-structure including information from a source separate from the patents;

wherein the patents associated with the at least one identifier are identified by searching a database including a comprehensive database of all patents issued by at least one government agency;

~~wherein a mapping is capable of being generated based on the patents associated with the identifier~~

wherein a set of patents is capable of being reported by:

displaying a technology mapping depicting at least one category of technology utilizing a graphical user interface,

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displaying statistics regarding a number of the patents of the set in each category of technology,

displaying first additional information associated with at least a portion of the patents of the set upon the selection of an icon, wherein the first additional information includes a list of the patents of the set associated with one category of technology,

displaying second additional information associated with at least one of the patents of the list upon the selection of an additional icon, wherein the second additional information is selected from the group consisting of a patent number, a status, an exemplary claim, and an exemplary figure,

wherein the statistics are displayed in a first interface, the first additional information is displayed in a second interface separate from the first interface, and the second additional information is displayed in a third interface separate from the first interface and the second interface;

wherein the notes and at least one of the files are made accessible to other parties utilizing e-mail;

wherein said method is, at least in part, carried out utilizing the computer-implemented system.

20. (New) A method for organizing patents utilizing a computer-implemented system, comprising:

displaying a notes field for receiving manually entered notes including text;

storing the manually entered notes in association with at least one identifier, thus associating the manually entered notes with the at least one identifier;

allowing the manual selection of a file, wherein the file is selected utilizing a file structure field including a file tree-structure that allows a user to browse various folders where files have been previously stored, where the file structure is displayed simultaneously with the notes field on the same

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interface, the file including information from a source separate from the patents;

storing the manually selected file in association with the at least one identifier by providing a correspondence between the file and the at least one identifier, thus associating the manually selected file with the at least one identifier, wherein a manually selected first file is capable of being associated with a first identifier corresponding to a single patent, and a manually selected second file is capable of being associated with a second identifier corresponding to a group involving a plurality of patents; and

associating a plurality of patents with the at least one identifier;

wherein the manually entered notes, at least one of the manually selected files, and the patents are accessible by subsequent selection of the at least one identifier;

wherein a set of patents is capable of being reported by:

displaying a technology mapping depicting at least one category of technology utilizing a graphical user interface,

displaying statistics regarding a number of the patents of the set in each category of technology,

displaying first additional information associated with at least a portion of the patents of the set upon the selection of an icon,

wherein the first additional information includes a list of the patents of the set associated with one category of technology,

displaying second additional information associated with at least one of the patents of the list upon the selection of an additional icon, wherein the second additional information includes a patent number, a status, an exemplary claim, and an exemplary figure,

wherein the statistics are displayed in a first interface, the first additional information is displayed in a second interface separate from the first interface, and the second additional information is displayed in a third interface separate from the first interface and the second interface;

wherein the notes and at least one of the files are made accessible to other parties utilizing e-mail;

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wherein said method is, at least in part, carried out utilizing the computer-implemented system.

21. (New) A method for organizing patents utilizing a computer-implemented system, comprising:

- displaying a notes field for receiving manually entered notes including text;

- storing the manually entered notes in association with at least one identifier, thus associating the manually entered notes with the at least one identifier;

- allowing the manual selection of a file;

- storing the manually selected file in association with the at least one identifier by providing a correspondence between the file and the at least one identifier, thus associating the manually selected file with the at least one identifier, wherein a manually selected first file is capable of being associated with a first identifier corresponding to a single patent, and a manually selected second file is capable of being associated with a second identifier corresponding to a group involving a plurality of patents; and

- associating a plurality of patents with the at least one identifier;

- wherein the manually entered notes, at least one of the manually selected files, and the patents are accessible by subsequent selection of the at least one identifier;

- wherein a set of patents is capable of being reported by:

- displaying a technology mapping depicting at least one category of technology utilizing a graphical user interface,

- displaying statistics regarding a number of the patents of the set in each category of technology,

- displaying first additional information associated with at least a portion of the patents of the set upon the selection of an icon,

- wherein the first additional information includes a list of the patents of the set associated with one category of technology,

- displaying second additional information associated with at least one of the patents of the list upon the selection of an additional



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icon, wherein the second additional information is selected from the group consisting of a patent number, a status, an exemplary claim, and an exemplary figure,

wherein the statistics are displayed in a first interface, the first additional information is displayed in a second interface separate from the first interface, and the second additional information is displayed in a third interface separate from the first interface and the second interface;

wherein the notes and at least one of the files are made accessible to other parties utilizing e-mail;

wherein a search is capable of being performed in associated with at least one of the patents using with at least one synonyms, by:

identifying at least one claim associated with one of the patents,

extracting a plurality of terms from the claim,

identifying at least one synonym associated with at least one of the terms, and

conducting a search utilizing the terms and the at least one synonym;

wherein said method is, at least in part, carried out utilizing the computer-implemented system.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the statistics are represented via at least one bar graph.

23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the second additional information includes a patent number, a status, an exemplary claim, and an exemplary figure.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the patents are associated with one particular corporate entity.

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25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the patents are associated manually.
26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the patents are manually entered via a registration interface.
27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the patents are extracted from a database including a comprehensive set of intellectual property identifiers associated with at least one governmental authority.
28. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the terms of the claim are automatically retrieved from a database.
29. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein noun terms of the claim are identified.
30. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein verb terms of the claim are identified.
31. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein Boolean searching is incorporated with the searching based on the terms of the claim of the patent and the at least synonym.
32. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein AND operators are incorporated with the terms of the claim of the patent and the at least synonym.
33. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein a plurality of the synonyms are identified based on the terms of the claim of the patent, utilizing a synonym database.

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34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the synonyms are incorporated with the terms of the claim of the patent to increase the breadth of the search.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the synonyms are incorporated with the terms of the claim of the patent utilizing an OR operator.

36. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the word "claim" is removed from the terms of the claim of the patent.

37. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the search is conducted manually upon receiving a user request.

38. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the search is conducted automatically at predetermined intervals.

39. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the terms are modified based on results of the search.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the terms are modified based on results of the search and user input.

41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the terms are modified based on results of the search automatically.

42. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier includes a patent identifier.

43. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier includes a technology identifier.